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INFORMATION ON ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN SINKIANG, OCTOBER 1953

LIVING STANDARD IMPROVES FOR PEOPLE OF K'U-K'O-SAI GRAZING GROUND -- Peiping,
 Jen-min Jih-pao, 6 Oct 1953

The K'u-k'o-sai grazing ground is the summer grazing area for the 1st, 2d,
 and 3d hsiangs of T'e-k'o-ssu Hsien in Sinkiang. The people belong to the
 A-erh-k'o-tzu tribe, which consists of over 5,000 people in 900 households. The
 living standards of the people have been greatly improved since the liberation.
 In the past, a 4-year-old ox could be exchanged for only enough material for one
 suit, one ox now brings 760,000 yuan, or enough to buy two bolts of printed cloth.
 In the past, two sheep could be exchanged for one brick of tea. Now two sheep
 bring more than 150,000 yuan, equal to somewhat more than 100 catties of flour.

INCREASE SHEEP SURVIVAL RATE IN SINKIANG -- Sian, Ch'un-chung Jih-pao, 27 Jul 53

The survival rate of lambs in Chang-hua Hsien, Sinkiang Province, has been
 greatly increased and has reached 95.2 percent. This increase has been made possi-
 ble through proper training of cadres of herdsmen. Sheep are kept in proper grazing
 areas away from sandy terrain, on clean level meadow ground. Ewes are kept under
 careful observation, and when the young are born, immediate care is given the lambs
 to prevent infection or exposure.

There are a total of over 130,000 head of livestock in Chang-hua Hsien. The
 5th Ch'u of Chang-hua Hsien has 3,666 head of livestock.

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